

Amendment and Response

Applicant: Edward Fuerget et al.

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Title: SENSOR COMPONENT AND PANEL USED FOR THE PRODUCTION THEREOF

REMARKS

The following remarks are made in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed November 28, 2007. Claims 20-31 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 14-19, 32 and 33 were rejected. With this Response, claim 14 has been amended. Claims 14-19, 32 and 33 remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 14-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

Independent claim 14 has been amended along the lines suggested by the Examiner. Claims 15-19 depend on claim 14 and do not independently contain the language noted by the Examiner as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. As such, claims 14-19 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejections, and request allowance of these claims.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 14-15, 17-19 and 32-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by US 7061106 to Yang et al (“Yang”). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Yang has a filing date of April 28, 2004. The present application is a U.S. National filing under 35 U.S.C. §371 of International Application PCT/DE2004/001147, which has a priority claim to German Patent Application Serial No. DE 103 28 265.3 with a filing date of June 23, 2003. Thus, the effective filing date of the present application is June 23, 2003, which predates the Yang filing date. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that Yang is not prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102(e) rejections, and request allowance of claims 14-15, 17-19 and 32-33.

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Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over US 7061106 to Yang in view of US5353498 to Fillion et al.

Claim 16 ultimately depends from claim 15 and is therefore allowable for at least the same reasons set forth above. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 US.C. §103(a) rejection, and request allowance of claim 16.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 14-19, 32 and 33 are in form for allowance. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claims 14-19, 32 and 33 are respectfully requested.

No fees are required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)(c). However, if such fees are required, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0471.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's representative at the below-listed telephone numbers to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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